AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An arrangement for directed provision and installation of device-specific functionalities and/or information for field devices ~~(70)~~ which are arranged in a distributed system, with at least one device-specific component ~~(20)~~ being provided, which interacts with at least two functional units ~~(30)~~ which are linked to it, and in which means are provided at least in one device-specific component ~~(20)~~ which automatically result in provision and installation of device-specific functionalities and/or information for the field devices ~~(70)~~, which are stored in the functional units ~~(30)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, ~~**characterized** in that~~ wherein the arrangement is stored in a memory medium.

3. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~**characterized** in that~~ wherein the device-specific functionalities and/or information which are/is stored in the functional units ~~(30)~~ are/is provided and installed in a higher-level control system or controller ~~(90)~~ relating to the distributed system for the field devices ~~(70)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~**characterized** in that~~ wherein the device-specific functionalities and/or information which are/is stored in the functional units ~~(30)~~ are/is installed by means of an automatically running installation process.

5. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~**characterized** in that~~ wherein configuration tools ~~(50)~~ are

provided for installation of the communication between the field devices ~~(70)~~ and/or with the higher-level control system or controller ~~(90)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein network components ~~(40)~~ are provided for installation of the network links for a specific communication architecture.

7. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the functional units ~~(30)~~ are device documentation and/or device core data and/or device parameters and/or device drivers and/or control functions and/or setting-up functions and/or diagnosis functions and/or maintenance functions and/or optimization functions and/or alarm processing functions and/or life functions.

8. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device-specific components ~~(20)~~ and/or the configuration tools ~~(50)~~ and/or the network components ~~(40)~~ can be installed in an installation process.

9. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device-specific components ~~(20)~~, the configuration tools ~~(50)~~ and/or the network components ~~(40)~~ can be installed selectively.

10. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein drives and/or motor protection units and/or switchgear assemblies and/or sensors, in particular sensors for pressure, temperature and flow rate measurements, and/or low voltage devices and/or actuators and/or analysis devices are used as field devices ~~(70)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein device-specific

functionalities and/or information are/is recorded as data structures and/or program components in the device-specific components ~~(20)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device-specific components ~~(20)~~ are tested for the correctness and/or completeness of the device-specific functionalities and/or information.

13. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device-specific components ~~(20)~~ can be extended in a modular form.

14. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the distributed system is a distributed automation system.

15. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the higher-level system ~~(90)~~ is a process control system or a programmable logic controller.

16. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the field devices ~~(70)~~ communicate with the higher-level control system or controller ~~(90)~~ via a fieldbus protocol which is in the form of PROFIBUS and/or PROFINet and/or FOUNDATION fieldbus and/or HART.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for directed provision and installation of device-specific functionalities and/or information for field devices ~~(70)~~ which are arranged in a distributed system, with at least one device-specific component ~~(20)~~ being provided, which interacts with at least two functional units ~~(30)~~ which are linked to it, and by means of which device-specific functionalities and/or information which are/is stored in the functional units ~~(30)~~ for the field appliances

~~(70)~~ are automatically provided and installed at least in one device-specific component ~~(20)~~.

18. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the arrangement is stored in a memory medium.

19. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claim 17 or 18~~ claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device-specific functionalities and/or information which are/is stored in the functional units ~~(30)~~ are/is provided and installed in a higher-level control system or controller ~~(90)~~ relating to the distributed system for the field devices ~~(70)~~.

20. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claims 17 to 19~~ claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device-specific functionalities and/or information which are/is stored in the functional units ~~(30)~~ are/is installed by means of an automatically running installation process.

21. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claims 17 to 20~~ claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein configuration tools ~~(50)~~ are used for the installation of the communication between the field devices ~~(70)~~ and/or with the higher-level control system or controller ~~(90)~~.

22. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claims 17 to 21~~ claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein network components ~~(40)~~ are provided for installation of the network links for a specific communication architecture.

23. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claims 17 to 23~~ claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the functional units ~~(30)~~ provide device documentation and/or device core data and/or device parameters and/or device drivers and/or control functions and/or setting-up functions and/or diagnosis functions and/or maintenance functions and/or optimization functions and/or alarm processing functions and/or life functions.

24. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claims 17 to 23, characterized in that~~ claim 17, wherein the device-specific components ~~(20)~~ and/or the configuration tools ~~(50)~~ and/or the network components ~~(40)~~ are installed in an installation process.

25. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claims 17 to 23, characterized in that~~ claim 17, wherein the device-specific components ~~(20)~~, the configuration tools ~~(50)~~ and/or the network components ~~(40)~~ are installed selectively.

26. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claims 17 to 25, characterized in that~~ claim 17, wherein drives and/or motor protection units and/or switchgear assemblies and/or sensors, in particular sensors for pressure, temperature and flow rate measurements, and/or low voltage devices and/or actuators and/or analysis devices are used as field devices ~~(70)~~.

27. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claims 17 to 26, characterized in that~~ claim 17, wherein device-specific functionalities and/or information are/is recorded as data structures and/or program components in the device-specific components ~~(20)~~.

28. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claims 17 to 27, characterized in that~~ claim 17, wherein the correctness and/or completeness of the device-specific functionalities and/or information are tested.

29. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claims 17 to 28, characterized in that~~ claim 17, wherein modular extensions are provided in the device-specific components ~~(20)~~.

30. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claims 17 to 29 characterized in that~~ claim 17, wherein the distributed system is in the form of a distributed automation system.

31. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claims 17 to 30 characterized in that~~ claim 17, wherein the higher-level system ~~(90)~~ is in the form of a process control system or a programmable logic controller.

32. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~claims 17 to 31, characterized in that~~ claim 17, wherein the field devices ~~(70)~~ communicate with the higher-level control system or controller ~~(90)~~ via a fieldbus protocol which is in the form of PROFIBUS and/or PROFINet and/or FOUNDATION fieldbus and/or HART.